

PROCLAMATION AVIATION WEEK MARCH 7-13, 2010

WHEREAS, aviation plays an increasing role as an economic catalyst in North Dakota, contributing \$1.25 billion annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's aviation industry is an important component of the state's economic development efforts, creating opportunities for communities, businesses and citizens; and

WHEREAS, beyond the movement of goods and services, the state's aviation industry supports thousands of jobs and contributes more than a billion dollars in annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, many North Dakota businesses use aviation as a tool for conducting daily operations, including the transportation of personnel and freight, air emergency service, aerial crop spraying, wildlife control and law enforcement observation; and

WHEREAS, airlines operating from North Dakota flew 2.8 million passengers on 64 daily flights in 2009 and the state's 81 general aviation airports provided air service to 800,000 people; and

WHEREAS, aviation impacts many sectors of our economy and state; last year, air travel tourism contributed \$500 million to the state's economy, aerial applicators sprayed more than three million acres of crops, two million packages were delivered as a result of air delivery service and 500 air emergency ambulance flights were deployed.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 7-13, 2010, AVIATION WEEK in the state of North Dakota.

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